# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH CENTRAL DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

VS.

AARON MICHAEL SHAMO, et al.,

Defendants.

**AMENDED TRIAL ORDER** 

Criminal Case No. 2:16CR631DAK

Judge Dale A. Kimball

This case is set for a four-week jury trial beginning on June 17, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. and a pre-admission and motion in limine hearing on May 29-31, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. In order to expedite the conduct of the trial in this case, counsel are instructed as follows:

## A. Court-Imposed Deadlines

The deadlines in this Trial Order are court-imposed deadlines. To modify any deadline, a party must file an appropriate motion with the court and receive an order from the court modifying such deadline. The dates herein specifically correspond with the current trial date of June 17, 2019.

#### **B.** Pre-trial Motions

All motions in limine and Speedy Trial Act motions must be filed with the court by **April 26, 2019**. Memoranda in opposition to any motions must be filed no later than **May 10, 2019**.

Reply memoranda, if necessary, must be filed by **May 17, 2019.** All pretrial motions must be fully briefed by May 17, 2019, so the court may address them at the Pre-admission Hearing set for May 29-31, 2019. Any party challenging an exhibit as inadmissible at the Pre-Admission hearing must make a specific written objection to the exhibit and submit the objection as part of a motion in limine in accordance with the motion in limine deadlines.

## C. Proposed Voir Dire, Jury Instructions, and Special Verdict Form

## 1. Proposed Voir Dire

The parties must submit any proposed voir dire to the court no later than June 3, 2019.

# 2. Special Verdict Form

The parties shall exchange proposed verdict forms by **June 3, 2019**. The parties should then confer in an attempt to agree on stipulated Verdict forms. The parties shall submit a single set of joint proposed verdict forms or their separate proposed verdict forms to the court by **June 7, 2019**. In addition to filing the special verdict form electronically, the parties must email a copy of the special verdict form to <a href="mailto:utdecf kimball@utd.uscourt.gov">utdecf kimball@utd.uscourt.gov</a> in Word or Word Perfect format. Any objection the parties have to the other party's proposed special verdict form shall be filed by **June 11, 2019**.

#### 3. Jury Instructions

The procedure for submitting proposed jury instructions is as follows:

- (a) stipulated set of instructions
- The parties shall serve upon the opposing party their proposed jury instructions by
   May 31, 2019. The parties must then meet and confer to agree on a single set of

- instructions. The parties are required to *jointly submit one set of stipulated final instructions*. These instructions should be labeled as joint instructions, e.g. "Joint Instruction No. 1"
- 2. If the parties cannot agree upon a complete set of final instructions, they may submit separately those individual instructions upon which they cannot agree.

  These instructions should be labeled as an instruction proposed by the party, e.g. "Plaintiff's Proposed Instruction No. 1." However, the parties are expected to agree upon the majority of the substantive instructions for the case.
- 3. The stipulated instructions and each party's supplemental instructions must be electronically filed with the court by **June 7, 2019**. The electronically-filed instructions shall include citation to the authority that forms the basis for the instruction.
- 4. In addition to electronically filing the jury instructions, the parties shall also email a copy of the instructions, *without* citation to authority, to <a href="mailto:utdecf kimball@utd.uscourts.gov">utdecf kimball@utd.uscourts.gov</a> in Word or Word Perfect format. The case name and number should be included in the email subject line.
- 5. No later than **June 11, 2019**, each party must file its objections to the supplemental instructions proposed by the other party. All such objections must recite the proposed disputed instruction in its entirety and specifically highlight the objectionable language in the proposed instruction. The objection must contain citations to authority and a concise argument explaining why the

instruction is improper. If applicable, the objecting party should submit an alternative instruction addressing the subject or principle of law. Any alternative instruction proposed in a party's objection must be emailed to utdeef kimball@utd.uscourts.gov in Word or Word Perfect format.

6. No later than **June 14, 2019**, each party may file a reply to the opposing party's objections.

## (b) stock instructions

Attached to this Trial Order is the court's stock jury instructions for criminal cases. The court will give its stock instructions applicable to this case unless both parties agree to modify them and provide convincing arguments for such changes. When submitting their instructions, the parties shall indicate in a list to the court which of the court's stock instructions should be given in this case and include those instructions with a label indicating that the instruction is one of Judge Kimball's stock instructions, e.g. "Joint Instruction No. 1 (Stock)" or "Plaintiff's Instruction No. 1 (Stock)."

## (c) additional instructions

- All jury instructions must be concise, understandable, and neutral statements of the law. Argumentative instructions are improper.
- Modified versions of statutory or other form jury instructions may be acceptable,
   However, a modified jury instructions must identify the exact nature of the
   modification made to the form instruction and cite authority, if any, supporting
   such modification.

- 3. Any party who cannot comply with the requirement to email the instructions to chambers must contact the judge's chambers to make alternative arrangements.
- 4. If parties wish to be referred to in the instructions as something other than plaintiff and defendant, the parties must also make the appropriate changes to the court's stock instructions so that every instruction consistently refers to each party.

#### (d) final instructions

After reviewing the parties' proposed instructions and any objections, the court will provide the parties with a set of "The Court's Proposed Jury Instructions." Close to the end of trial, the court will hold a jury instruction conference on the record to make any necessary changes to the jury instructions. The parties' previously filed objections are objections of record and need not be repeated at the jury instruction conference. After the jury instruction conference, the court will provide the parties with a set of the final jury instructions.

#### D. Trial Exhibits

The parties shall exchange exhibit lists by **April 17, 2019**. Any objections to the opposing party's exhibits must be filed submitted in writing in connection with the motion in limine deadlines provided above.

Pursuant to Local Rule 83-5, each party is required to pre-mark all exhibits intended to be introduced during trial and prepare an exhibit list for the court's use at trial. Exhibit labels (stickers) are available at the Intake Desk in the Clerk's Office. The standard exhibit list form is available on the Court's website (www.utd.uscourts.gov).

Parties must meet and confer to avoid marking the same exhibit twice. Plaintiffs should

list their exhibits by consecutive numbers and defendants should list their exhibits by consecutive letters, unless authorized by the Court to use a different system.

Do **NOT** file the exhibit list or the exhibits. The exhibit list is to be provided to the Courtroom Deputy Clerk on the first morning of trial; the exhibits are to remain in the custody of counsel until admitted as evidence by the Court.

The court prefers two courtesy copies of the exhibits in binders. Courtesy copies should be provided to the Courtroom Deputy Clerk on the first morning of trial.

Questions regarding the preparation of the exhibit list or courtesy copies may be directed to Courtroom Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Toscano at (801) 524–6610.

## **E.** Witness Lists

The parties shall exchange witness lists by **April 17, 2019**. In the event this requirement poses a danger to potential witnesses or for other good cause, a party may seek relief from this requirement from the Court.

The parties are required to prepare a separate witness list for the court's use at trial. Witness lists must be provided to the court on the first morning of trial. Standard forms for witness lists are available on the court's website, (<a href="www.utd.uscourts.gov">www.utd.uscourts.gov</a>). Questions regarding the preparation of these lists may be directed to Courtroom Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Toscano at (801) 524-6610.

## F. Expert Witness Notice

The parties shall exchange all Notice of Experts by April 17, 2019.

## G. Discovery

The government must finalize and produce all outstanding discovery by **April 10, 2019.**This duty to produce all outstanding discovery excludes production of any and all *Brady/Giglio* material, which shall be due **April 24, 2019**.

# H. Plea Agreement/Continuance

In the event that a plea agreement is reached between the parties, the court should be notified as soon as possible. Also, in the event that a party needs a continuance of the current trial date, the court should be notified as soon as possible.

#### I. Courtroom Conduct

Local Rule DUCrimR 53-1 provides that the standards set forth in DUCivR 43-1 apply equally to all criminal proceedings in this district. The court expects counsel to follow the practices and protocol outline in DUCivR 43-1.

In addition to the conduct outlines in DUCivR 43-1, the court expects the following conduct of counsel at trial:

- Please be on time for each court session. The court usually runs its trial day from
   8:30 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m. with two short (fifteen minute) breaks.
- 2. Counsel is expected to stand: (1) as court is opened, recessed, or adjourned; (2) when the jury enters or retires from the courtroom; (3) when addressing or being addressed by the court.
- 3. Counsel must instruct all persons at counsel table that gestures, facial expressions, audible comments, or any other manifestations of approval or disapproval during

witness testimony are absolutely prohibited.

- 4. Counsel should instruct witnesses as to the need to make a clear record of the proceedings. Counsel and witnesses need to speak clearly into the microphones.
- 5. When possible, counsel should try to raise issues requiring argument to the court during recesses rather than in sidebar conferences when the jury is present.
- 6. Members of the trial team should not confer or visit with anyone in the spectator section while court is in session.
- 7. Messages may be delivered to counsel table provided they are delivered discreetly and with as little disruption to the proceedings as possible.

DATED this 1st day of April, 2019.

BY THE COURT:

United States District Judge